

## Origins of American Government Review

1. What major document came out of the Second Continental Congress?
2. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
3. What was the name of the first document that governed this nation?
4. Why did this first document fail?
5. What was the original purpose of the Constitutional Convention?
6. Who was the President of the Constitutional Convention?
7. Who became known as the Father of the Constitution?
8. Describe the following plans:  
  
Virginia Plan  
  
New Jersey Plan  
  
Connecticut Compromise  
  
3/5 Clause
9. Who were the Federalist and the Anti-Federalist? What did each group support?
10. Which three politicians wrote the *Federalist Papers*?

11. Which state was the first to ratify the Constitution?

12. Which two states needed to ratify the Constitution for it to be a success? Why?

Questions over the Declaration of Independence: (From Magruder's American Government, 2002 Edition. pg 43.)

1. Which truths in the second paragraph are "self-evident"?

2. Name the three unalienable rights listed in the Declaration.

3. From what source do governments derive their "just powers"?

4. In the series of Paragraphs beginning, "He refused his Assent," to whom does the word "He" refer?

5. According to the Declaration, what powers does the United States have "as Free and Independent States"?

6. Do you think that the statement "All men are created equal" was intended to apply to all human beings? Explain your reasoning?